

Is Your Child in Danger from a Recalled Product?

Cribs, strollers, high chairs and playpens are used every day. But did you know that these common products can cause injury and even death? Children under age 5 are most at risk.

How many children are injured or killed?

- In the United States, over 50,000 children under age 5 are treated each year in emergency rooms for injuries from recalled products.
- An average of 87 children die from these injuries each year. Most of these deaths are linked with cribs and playpens.
- Last year in Washington state, two children died when portable playpens collapsed.

How are products recalled?

- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recalls products that are of great risk to consumers either because the product is not well made or does not meet safety standards.
- Consumers can start an investigation and/or recall of a product.

How do I find out if a product has been recalled?

Checking to see if a product has been recalled **is easy.**

- Get the following information (if possible):
 - Product name and model
 - Serial number (look on the bottom or back)
 - Date it was made
- Log on to the CPSC Web site at www.cpsc.gov and click on Recall/News.
- Or call the CPSC hotline at **1-800-638-2772** for pre-recorded messages in English or Spanish.






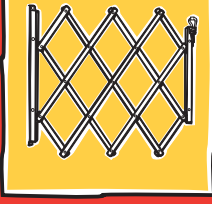
What about used items, like cribs and playpens?

- Items such as cribs, playpens and high chairs are often passed on to family or friends without knowing they have been recalled. Check to be sure the item is still safe to use.
- If you are buying items at a thrift or secondhand store, check to make sure the item hasn't been recalled and is still safe to use.
- Finally, ask grandparents, family and friends to make sure all infant and toddler products they use are still safe and haven't been recalled.

How can I learn more about recalled products?

- Visit the CPSC Web site at www.cpsc.gov.
- Call the CPSC toll free hotline at **1-800-638-2772** for information in English or Spanish.
- Sign up for free E-mail service to receive product recall notices from the CPSC at www.cpsc.gov/about/subscribe.html.

Here are examples of the type of products that have been recalled for safety reasons:

	Type of product	What can happen
	Cribs, bassinets and cradles	Child can suffocate if mattress is missing or installed wrong. Child can be trapped between slats that are too wide or in cutouts on headboards. Child's clothing can get caught on posts.
	Portable cribs and playpens	Child can be trapped or strangled if side rails collapse or if the mattress is too loose or installed wrong.
	Baby walkers	Child can get a head injury or broken bone by falling down stairs in walker or by choking on toys attached to the walker.
	Strollers and carriages	Child can strangle if tangled or trapped in leg openings or under safety straps. Some unsafe strollers can collapse.
	Infant carriers	Child can be hurt if handles break or latches fail.
	Safety gates	If gate fails to hold or was put in wrong, child could fall down stairs. Child can strangle if head gets stuck in gate or loose netting.

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